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1. SUMMARY: BASED ON EMBASSY ANALYSIS AND INFORMAL SOUNDINGS AMONG AMERICAN COMMUNITY, OMANI-BASED ENROLLMENT IN BAHRAIN SCHOOL WOULD BE NEGLIGIBLE. END SUMMARY.

2. AT PRESENT, EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO AMERICAN OR NON-AMERICAN STUDENTS FROM OMAN ENROLLED IN BAHRAIN SCHOOL, ALTHOUGH ONE OR TWO INDIVIDUALS HAVE LOOKED INTO IT. EXISTING COST WHICH, WE ARE TOLD, IS AT LEAST AS HIGH AS MAINTAINING STUDENT IN U.S. ATTENDING PUBLIC SCHOOL, HAS BEEN DETERRENT.

3. PRESENT EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AND PATTERNS IN OMAN ARE AS FOLLOWS: TWO BRITISH-SYSTEM PRIMARY SCHOOLS (THROUGH ABOUT AGE 10) EXIST. EVEN THOUGH BOTH ARE PLAGUED BY POOR ADMINISTRATION, QUESTIONABLY QUALIFIED TEACHING STAFFS, LACK OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SPORTS PROGRAMS, ETC., AND PROBLEMS CONCERNING PHYSICAL FAC-

ILITIES, ALMOST ALL AMERICANS HAVE CHOSEN TO USE THEM. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE CASE EVEN IF K-12 BOARDING SCHOOL ESTABLISHED IN BAHRAIN. PANAM (LOCATED ABOUT 30 MILES FROM MUSCAT AT SEEB AIRPORT) HAS TAKEN INITIATIVE TO ESTABLISH CORRESPONDENCE-COURSE "SCHOOL". STUDENTS WORK IN CLASSROOM ATMOSPHERE WITH QUALIFIED TEACHER WHO MONITORS PROGRESS AND HELPS OUT WITH SPECIAL PROBLEMS. PRESENTLY, THIS SCHOOL ACCOMMODATES STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-8, AND IT PROBABLY WILL BE EXPANDED THROUGH GRADE 9 THIS FALL. SCHOOL HAS ACCEPTED CERTAIN NON-AMERICAN, NON-PANAM DEPENDENTS. WE KNOW OF NO AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN OMAN. A FEW FAMILIES TRIED CORRESPONDENCE COURSES (AT HOME) FOR CHILDREN IN THIS AGE GROUP, BUT HAVE DECIDED TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN BACK TO U.S. FOR SCHOOLING. U.S. (BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOLS) SEEMS TO BE PREFERRED VENUE FOR "SCHOOL AWAY FROM POST". RUNNERS-UP WOULD BE INDIA, UK AND EUROPE. TYPICAL PARENTS KNOW NOTHING OF BAHRAIN AND WANT TO HAVE CHILDREN IN PLACE ABOUT WHICH THEY FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE.

4. PROSPECT OF PROPOSED FACILITY IN BAHRAIN WOULD BE REGARDED A PLUS BY RESIDENT AMERICAN COMMUNITY, EVEN THOUGH USE WOULD BE MINIMAL FOR A LEAST IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

5. FINALLY, OMANGOV INCREASINGLY IS LOOKING TO U.S. FOR PLACEMENT OF GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED STUDY ABROAD (THIS IS DONE VIA CONTRACT WITH AFME). BASED ON PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE, WE VERY MUCH DOUBT THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY INTEREST WITHIN GOVERNMENT FOR "SECOND HAND" U.S. EDUCATION IN THE "RADICAL" ENVIRONMENT OF BAHRAIN.
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